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SECURITY INFORMATION

COUNTRY Eastern Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Analysis of the Shipment of Jet Fighter Crates

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EVALUATION

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1. All of the aircraft crates which were observed being returned to the U.S.S.R. up to 22 July 1952 were in good condition. It appears improbable that the crates were dismantled in order to facilitate their transport because the walls of the crates are made of one strong piece. The crates are fitted with hooks for transloading by crane and with two strong longitudinal skids. It has not been determined whether the crates which were returned to the U.S.S.R. were loaded or empty. All the aircraft crates en route from and to the U.S.S.R. were escorted by Soviet guards who never left the crates.

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2. Since January 1952, more than 500 aircraft crates arrived by rail in Eastern Germany from the U.S.S.R. Of these 500 crates only about 120 crates were observed being returned to the U.S.S.R., while the present location of the remaining 380 empty crates has not been determined. Only one

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crates were taken to pieces before being returned as boards to the U.S.S.R. These boards would probably be declared as military goods on shipping documents. Since 20 May 1952, about 20 crates have been stored at Laerz airfield in the vicinity of the fuel dump.

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